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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2008, applicant makes the following election in response to the restriction requirement.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed three groups of claims, the first for Group I, directed to claims 1-11 drawn to an alloy, the second for Group II, directed to claims 12-19 drawn to an optical recording medium, and the third for Group III, drawn to claim 20 for a method of making an optical recording medium. The Examiner has asserted that these groups of claims represent distinct inventions and may properly be restricted. Applicants hereby elect

claim Group I directed to claims 1-11 for examination. The restriction requirement is not traversed.

Respectfully submitted,



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